

SCIENTIST HOPES TO ASCEND SIX MILES

Dr. David Todd Unfolds Novel Scheme to Signal Mars.

WILL EXPERIMENT TUESDAY

President of Amherst Aero Club Says He Has No Intention of Ballooning to Planet, but Wishes to Reach Electrical Zone in Order to Perfect Further Investigations.

Prof. David Todd, astronomer and educator, of Amherst, Mass., and president of the Amherst Aero Club, who plans to make a balloon ascension this summer which he hopes will take him within the electrical zone of Mars, discussed his proposed voyage at the Cosmos Club last night.

Prof. Todd, as a member of the Aero Club of America, is in Washington to take part in the ceremonies incident to the presentation of the medals of Wilbur and Orville Wright by President Taft this afternoon.

The scientist explained he had no intention of ballooning to Mars, as some newspapers have asserted, but merely wishes to make experiments with a view to learning to what height man may ascend and live. With this object in view, he will make an ascension late this summer in a specially constructed basket, in which he hopes to attain an altitude of six miles.

Had Experienced Widely. Prof. Todd, who has in the past conducted many expeditions investigating in the interest of science, explained his contemplated trip by saying:

"It was not with a view to getting into communication with Mars or any other planet that I planned this balloon trip. My prime object in going is to learn to what height man may go. In short, I am making an experiment to learn to what degree 'mountain sickness' may be overcome.

"When a high altitude is reached, men become ill. It is an illness akin to seasickness, and, according to my theories, is caused by the difference in the atmosphere. You see, we exist on earth here, in the lower levels, under a pressure of about fifteen pounds. When an altitude of about 10,000 feet is reached the pressure is about ten pounds. This is, according to my theory, many scientists do not agree with me.

"Working on the belief that my theory is correct, I intend to have my car or basket constructed in the form of a tight capsule, probably constructed of aluminum, with luminous places in the sides for portholes. I will take up with me a supply of air, common, ordinary air. I will have two tanks, and will carry an air compressor, and when we get five or six miles in the air, we will start the pump to work, and compress sufficient air to maintain the pressure to which we are accustomed here below.

Leo Stevens, the balloonist, will accompany me as pilot. We will have all the instruments carried by regular balloons and a wireless receiver besides.

"You see, after I conceived the idea of testing the atmospheric conditions, it came to me, or was suggested to me, that I might possibly attain the zone in which electrical waves radiate from Mars, granting that there are such waves. Again, according to the theory that Mars is inhabited and that its inhabitants are many hundred years in advance of us, as is proven by scientists, it would be reasonable to suppose that those inhabitants have mastered wireless communication. If they have, I hope to be able to pick up some of their currents or waves, that is, if I am able to progress sufficiently far from the earth to get out of touch with wireless currents from the earth.

Wireless Receiver in Balloon. "I am taking along only a wireless receiving mechanism. If there are wireless waves floating around up there we will gather them in. If not, well and good, we won't gather them in."

Explaining the benefits to be derived from his experiment, Prof. Todd said he hoped to prove that his theory with regard to life in the higher altitudes is correct. If he does prove it, he declares, he will then make attempts to have an observatory established on the top of some mountain of great height, where it has hitherto been impossible for men to live. He explains that if men may live in a balloon at great height by carrying with them compressed air of the same density as that of the earth, it will demonstrate the possibility of men living in observatories at the summits of great mountains.

Prof. Todd suggests the peak of Chimborazo, in Ecuador, as a suitable site for an observatory should his theory prove correct. Chimborazo is 21,000 feet in height. The highest observatory at the present time is in Peru, and is 8,000 feet above sea level. The scientist believes that much could be accomplished for science from an observatory of this height.

A trial ascension will be made by Prof. Todd next Tuesday. He will be accompanied by Mr. Stevens and seven students of Amherst College. The basket will not be used. Other trial ascensions will be made at different times during the summer, the final trip being made probably in September.

On his final trip, Prof. Todd will use a specially constructed balloon made of 7,000 cubic feet. On this trip he will be accompanied only by Mr. Stevens. The flight is not expected to last more than twenty-four hours.

NEW SYSTEM PROMULGATED.

Municipal Structures Will Be Passed Upon by Experts.

A new system is to be established in the planning and construction of school buildings. With the appointment of a municipal architect, not a single point will be overlooked in making the structures models of their kind. Instructions were issued to the new municipal architect, Snowden Ashford, by Engineer Commissioner Judson yesterday.

Before the plans are submitted to the Commissioners, they will be inspected by the health officer, the electrical engineer, the chief engineer of the fire department, and the board of education. All suggestions made by these sources will be transmitted to the Commissioners. Maj. Judson is providing for the cooperation of all the sanitary and structural experts to assist in the work of the municipal architect, and the best results will be obtained. The benefit of the opinion of a half dozen or more trained experts will be given to all projects, especially for the erection of school buildings, before the Commissioners are called to pass upon them.

Board Meets to-morrow. After two postponed meetings, the board of education will meet to-morrow afternoon at Franklin School, when matters relating to the annual graduation of classes will be discussed. An out-of-door picnic is being arranged by teachers of the upper classes, to be held at Marshall Hall the latter part of this month or the first week in July.

TAXIMETER TESTS FINISHED.

Out of Forty-five Cabs Inspected Eight Meters Condemned.

The result of the first taximeter tests made by the sealer of weights and measures, W. C. Haskell, was reported to the Commissioners yesterday.

Of forty-five taximeters inspected, thirty-seven were verified as correct and eight condemned for repair. The tests were made over the official mile, in K street northwest. A blue seal is placed upon the correct meters and a yellow one on those found defective. The tests are taken to show that the great majority of complaints about taximeter overcharging are not due to the taximeters.

WOMAN AND SON GAS VICTIMS

Young Physician Clashed Mother's Hand When Discovered.

Mystery Surrounds Near-Tragedy, but Friends Declare It Was an Accident.

Philadelphia, June 9.—Holding each others' hands in loving clasp, the son sitting beside the bed on which his mother lay, Dr. Leonard Pearson, State veterinarian, and dean of the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Lucy Pearson, were found unconscious and apparently dead early this morning in their home.

An open burner of a small stove, from which the gas was still escaping, told the cause of their condition. They were removed to the university hospital, where it was decided Dr. Pearson might respond to the ordinary method of treating asphyxiation, but that heroic measures would be necessary in his mother's case.

Dr. Clarence Marshall, a personal friend and protégé of Dr. Pearson, offered his blood to give new life to the mother of his comrade.

In the meantime, oxygen had been pumped without intermission into Dr. Pearson's lungs, and late to-day the physicians said he might recover.

They held out no such hope in his mother's case. Dr. Pearson, who is forty years old, has never married. Mrs. Pearson is more than seventy. Because there is no one who could tell what had happened, the accident has an air of mystery, but that it was an accident there can be no doubt.

PLAN OBELISK IN ARLINGTON

Confederate Dead in National Cemetery to Be Honored.

Beautiful Shaft Costing \$50,000 Will Soon Be Erected by Sons of Veterans.

Planning to raise \$50,000 by public subscription with which to erect a massive granite monument to the memory of the Confederate soldiers and sailors in Arlington Cemetery, the Arlington Confederate Monument Association met last night at the Confederate Veterans' Memorial Home, 1235 Vermont avenue.

The executive committee, made up of local Confederate veterans, with one exception, is composed of Hilary A. Herbert, former Secretary of the Navy; Capt. John T. Callaghan, Judge Seth Shepard, Rev. R. H. McKim, Capt. John T. M. Hickey, James McDowell Carrington, Esq., and J. J. Darlington. This committee has direct charge of the fund which is being raised by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

There is now to the credit of the fund, according to the report of the treasurer made last night, the sum of \$10,500, drawing interest. This sum has been raised in a little over two years, \$2,000 of it by the local Confederate patriotic organizations, and the balance by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

It was announced at last night's meeting that the general organization covering the Southern States had been perfected and put in successful operation, and that at the present time the monthly receipts of funds for the proposed monument aggregated over \$200. It is the purpose of the executive committee, as soon as the fund reaches \$50,000, to commence the erection of the shaft.

This movement to build a large monument to the Confederate dead of the South in Arlington was organized immediately after Congress, through the efforts of Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, introduced a bill in Congress appropriating \$500 for the purpose of disinterring and reintering the bodies with one exception, is composed of Hilary A. Herbert, former Secretary of the Navy; Capt. John T. Callaghan, Judge Seth Shepard, Rev. R. H. McKim, Capt. John T. M. Hickey, James McDowell Carrington, Esq., and J. J. Darlington. This committee has direct charge of the fund which is being raised by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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CUPID MOVES OFFICE

Gets More Room in Basement of Hall of Records.

IT'S PRIVATE DOWN THERE, TOO

And There's Joy at the New York City Hall for Now the Unofficial Gods of Love Can Lie in Wait for Victims with No One to Annoy Them—Can Now Move About.

New York, June 9.—Official Cupid has won his long struggle at the city hall; he has at last acquired room enough to move about. The sinking fund commission to-day gave him authority to move from the little room which was manufactured out of one end of the main corridor of the city hall to rooms of the city record, in the basement of the building. Since the legislature provided that licenses must precede marriages in New York State the bureau has been cramped in a room that was not more than 12 by 15 feet, and it has been impossible for the clerks to work with comfort.

However, considerable political influence was required to move Cupid, and that was furnished by the unofficial Cupids, who have made city hall corridors their abiding place for years. Down in the basement of the building, just across from the rooms of the city record, is the room which has now been set apart for the performance of marriages by aldermen.

Thousands on thousands of Italians and other East Siders have gone to the city hall every year to be married by an alderman. Many of these people hold that an official as well as a religious ceremony is necessary to a legal marriage. It has been the custom of the unofficial Cupids to grab wandering couples and lead them to the basement, where an alderman was found to perform the ceremony.

In the days before licenses it was easy for the eagle-eye of the unofficial Cupid to pick out couples that were trying to find an alderman. But thousands of couples who merely seek licenses, and who expect to be married at a later date, visit the city hall. So the unofficial Cupids have been greatly troubled. They would not accost every couple, so many who would really have been married by an alderman have escaped untold.

Now, however, with the license bureau in the secluded and sombre basement, visited by few, the unofficial Cupids will have the chance of their lives. They will be able to persuade couples to be married at once. There will be no crowd about to see the form of persuasion they use.

So it is expected at the city hall that the business of the unofficial Cupids will become very profitable just as soon as the bureau is moved, for it is figured that every marriage is worth about \$5 to the Cupids.

DOUBLE HANGING FEARED.

Negroes Attack Woman on Whose Complaint Man Was Lynched.

Tyler, Tex., June 9.—Miss Winnie Davis Harmon, for an attack upon whom a negro named Hodge was taken from jail and lynched at the courthouse here at the noon hour recently, was attacked again near her home in this city to-day by two negroes.

The white people are up in arms again, and a double lynching and race war is anticipated. The sheriff to-night appealed to Gov. Campbell for troops.

SURMEN OPEN CONFERENCE.

Start Campaign for an Old-age Pension Law.

The Surmen's Mutual Benefit Association, representing the United States Life Saving Service, opened its tenth annual conference yesterday at the old Mascolo Temple, Ninth and F streets northwest.

Assistant Secretary Hills, of the Treasury, delivered the opening address, and pledged the support of the department to their efforts to procure the enactment of an old age pension law, similar to that in force in the Revenue Service.

Sumner I. Kimball, general superintendent of the Life Saving Service, also addressed the meetings, and congratulated the members upon their splendid work during the year. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Kimball received an ovation lasting ten minutes.

The closing address was delivered by Assistant Superintendent O. A. Maxim, who gave a short history of the service from its inception in 1817 to its reorganization in 1872 by Mr. Kimball, to whom, he said, belongs the credit for its present high state of efficiency, and its vast superiority to all other organizations of its kind in the world.

After the adjournment of the meeting the delegates were received at the White House by President Taft, who congratulated them upon their work.

BATTLE SHIP TESTED.

Builders Confident the Michigan Will Come Up to Requirements.

Rockland, Me., June 9.—The new battle ship Michigan was given her standardization tests off here to-day, and they were so successful that the builders are confident that when she makes her four-hour run no difficulty will be experienced in maintaining the required 18½ knots an hour.

During the eleventh run over the measured mile to-day the Michigan reached her highest speed, that of 20.01 knots an hour, and her five best miles were at the average speed of 15.95 knots an hour.

WEALTHY WOMAN A SUICIDE.

Sister of Edward Proctor Ends Life by Taking Carbolic Acid.

Toledo, June 9.—Mrs. Jane Clark Proctor Jones, sister of Edward Proctor, of the firm of Proctor & Gamble, millionaire Cincinnati soap manufacturers, died here yesterday as the result of taking three teaspoonfuls of carbolic acid.

Coroner Henzler started an investigation and to-night stated that the widow had deliberately committed suicide by taking carbolic acid.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR NUN.

Funeral services for Sister Magdalen, who died of pneumonia at Providence Hospital Tuesday, will be held at 3 o'clock this morning from the Holtzman Chapel at St. Vincent's Asylum, Edgewood, D. C. She was a teacher at the asylum, and was taken to the hospital for treatment about two weeks ago.

PUPILS TO GIVE PROGRAMME.

Pupils of Jefferson School, of the eighth division, will to-night and to-morrow night entertain their parents and friends with a musical and literary programme in Jefferson School hall. The programme for tonight includes the reading of a big choral, dumb-bell drill, Mother Goose chorus, recitation by Gladys Price, cornet solo by Lee Burnside, an operetta, and Japanese dance. The contest-grade cantata, cakewalk and duet, and class music will be participated in by Audrey Turford, Raymond Turford, Earl Langer, Morris Yockelson, and Henry Olson. The entertainment closes with Dutch nation song.

RAISES CROP OF GINSENG.

First Harvest in District Conducted by Edwin Newman.

The first crop of ginseng grown in the District of Columbia has been cut and put on the market by Edwin A. Newman. He has raised a tenth of an acre on his place at Seventh and Vernon streets northwest, and expects to realize a substantial amount.

The ginseng was planted seven years ago, it taking that length of time for a crop to develop. It is grown at a cost of \$5,000 an acre, and the growth of an acre is sold for about \$40,000. The herb is used extensively for medicinal purposes, especially in China and Japan.

TELLS HOW CHINESE GET IN

Smuggled in Blankets and Closets by Aid of Railroad Men.

Stockade in Mexico Where Men Are Schooled on Evading Immigration Laws.

Chicago, June 9.—Complicated and carefully planned methods for smuggling Chinese into the United States with the collusion of railroad men were described in Judge Landis' court to-day by Assistant District Attorney Seward S. Shriver.

He told of a stockade beyond the Mexican border where the Chinese were penned during a brief schooling in how to evade the immigration inspectors; of the silent crossing of the Rio Grande under cover of night; of the boosting of the hapless Orientals over the high fences into the railroad yards in El Paso, Tex., where they were caught by tralmen, wrapped in blankets, and concealed aboard through cars in clothes closets and ice boxes.

In Chicago, according to Mr. Shriver, receipts were given by Clark street Chinese merchants for the Chinamen delivered, which were then cashed at the rate of \$50 a head in the restaurant of a Chinaman in El Paso.

The men on trial charged with conspiracy to break the United States immigration laws are Bob Luena, of El Paso, a Chinaman, and Carlos Savera and Jose Parra, two Mexicans, alleged to have escorted contraband Chinamen over the border. Sam Wah and Chin Yin Quai, Chicago Chinese, were indicted, but Wah has never been apprehended, and Quai, who is out on \$2,500 bail, cannot be found.

Robert W. Stevenson, Clark and John Helzel, three railroad employees, also indicted, pleaded guilty, and will turn State's evidence.

BANKERS WILL INVADE CHINA

American Financiers Will Look Into Opportunities of Country.

Agent Will Investigate Conditions Preparatory to Big Investments.

New York, June 9.—It was officially announced to-day that a group of the foremost banking houses in the United States, including J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the First National Bank and the National City Bank of this city, has decided to send an agent to China to ascertain what opportunities may be afforded to American finance in developing that country.

The agent will start on his trip in about two weeks. His name has not yet been made public, but he is said to be a financial expert of high standing.

The hope is expressed that political consequences of importance will follow the operations of this syndicate.

The State Department, believing that the syndicate will operate to bring American and Chinese into closer and more cordial relationship, has given its approval to the enterprise.

No limit has been set to the money which the syndicate stands ready to raise.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Wrecking Tugs Sent to Point of Woods to Aid Crew.

New York, June 9.—The Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company received word from Fire Island about 8:30 o'clock to-night that there was a steamer ashore off Point of Woods, and immediately sent out both the Relier and the William E. Chapman, wrecking tugs, from the company's station at Tompkinsville.

WOUNDS HIS BROTHERS.

Gun Discharged as Boy Was Running to Shoot Hawk.

White Mills, Pa., June 9.—John and William Williams, aged four and six years, were shot and severely wounded to-day by their twelve-year-old brother, Edward.

The youngsters saw a hawk circling in the air above a brood of chickens, and Edward ran into the house for his father's shotgun. In his haste he tripped and fell as he ran out, and the gun was discharged, the loads from each barrel striking the two young boys in the legs.

The wounds while severe are not necessarily fatal.

PITCHER CANAVAN DEAD.

Wounded While Trying to Stop a Fight Between Foreigners.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 9.—Anthony Canavan, pitcher of the Parsons team, who was shot while trying to stop a fight several days ago, died to-day at the hospital in this city.

Canavan was near his home in Parsons when he saw some foreigners fighting. He called out to them to stop and one of them fired at him, the bullet lodging in the hip. It was necessary to amputate the leg at the hip, and Canavan died of shock.

The police, although they have been searching for the man who shot him, have so far been unable to learn his identity.

NEW YORK WINNER.

Big Balloon Stays in Air Thirty-five Hours and Ten Minutes.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 9.—The balloon New York, of New York City, Holland Forbes pilot and Clifford Harmon assistant, won the Duration Trophy offered by Carl Fisher.

The New York was in flight thirty-five hours and ten minutes, landing near Corinth, Miss., which is ten to fifteen miles nearer Indianapolis than Freestons Park.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

New York, June 9.—Arrived: Bluecher, Hamburg, New York; out: Campana at Liverpool; Majestic at Cherbourg.

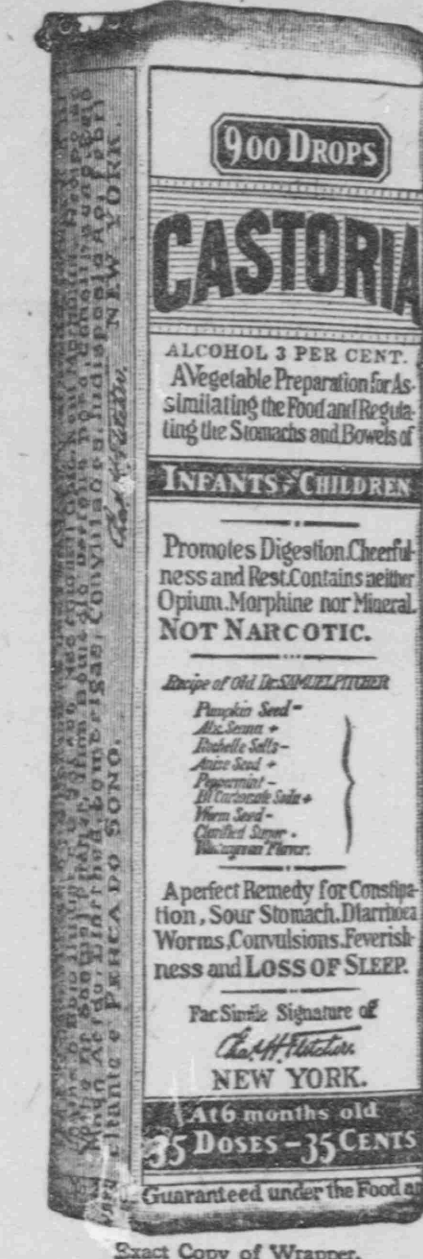
Sailed from foreign ports: Carmania, from Queenstown; Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen; Adriatic, from Southampton; Celtic, from Glasgow.

A Thoughtless Druggist.

ONLY a thoughtless druggist would offer a preparation without the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher when Castoria is called for; the "delicate, faint and flickering light" that joins baby's life to its devoted parents being too sacred, to the self-respecting druggist, to be trifled with.

For over thirty years Mr. Fletcher has given, and still gives, his personal attention to the preparation of Castoria. It has won the confidence of mothers and physicians everywhere—never harmed the tiniest babe. This cannot be said of Imitations, Counterfeits and the "Just-as-good" rot.

The thoughtless druggist only offers the counterfeit because of a few pennies more profit. Any new preparation can be but an experiment, and they are experiments—mere guess work—irrespective of what their sponsors may say for them. It is experience of over thirty years, against wild and injudicious experiment.



Letters from Prominent Druggists addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

S. J. Briggs & Co., of Providence, R. I., say: "We have sold Fletcher's Castoria in our three stores for the past twenty years and consider it one of the best preparations on the market."

E. W. Stucky, of Indianapolis, Ind., says: "To say that we have recommended and sold your Castoria for years is the best endorsement we can possibly give any preparation. It is surely full of merit and worthy of recommendation."

Henry R. Gray, of Montreal, Que., says: "I would say that your Castoria for children is in large demand and that it gives general satisfaction. Not being a secret nostrum many medical men order it when circumstances indicate the use of such a preparation."

W. G. Marshall, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "We have found your Castoria to be not only one of the best sellers in the medicine market, but a preparation that gives almost universal satisfaction; in fact we cannot recall having had a single complaint from any of our customers who have used it."

Owens & Minor Drug Co., of Richmond, Va., says: "It is with pleasure that we lend our endorsement to Castoria, a preparation of proven merit. During our long experience in the drug business we have had abundant occasion to note the popularity of the genuine Fletcher's Castoria, which we unhesitatingly recommend."

Brannen & Anthony of Atlanta, Ga., say: "No doubt if we were called upon to state positively what medicine we had sold for the greatest length of time, the greatest number of bottles sold, and the most satisfactory preparation to us and also to the customer, we feel that we could safely and conscientiously say Fletcher's Castoria."

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NOT SOLID FOR MANN

Many Temperance Workers Are Supporting Tucker.

OUTLOOK IN UPPER VALLEY

Leading Liquor Dealer of Staunton Says He Is Supporting Judge Mann Because He Is the "Organization" Candidate—Tucker Will Carry Augusta County at the Election.

Special to The Washington Herald. Staunton, Va., June 9.—While it is generally conceded that Harry St. George Tucker will carry Staunton and Augusta County against Judge Mann for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, the situation here is regarded as one with many complex features.

Mr. Tucker resided here for many years. He, as well as his father, the late John Randolph Tucker, represented the 7th district in Congress. His personal popularity in the city and in the county is an appreciable factor, but, nevertheless, there may be some surprise when the returns are all in, for existing combinations may cut down his majority more than is anticipated.

It will be recalled that in the last gubernatorial fight between Mann, Swanson, and Willard, Mann carried the city by a small majority, and carried the county by a plurality of over 300. His strength was mainly with the "dry" element, the leaders of which were very active for him.

Following this election by two years the "drys" put a ticket in the field against the Democratic nominees for the senate and the house of delegates. Judge Mann was invited to speak here for the regular Democratic ticket against the independent "drys" and accepted, in spite of the protest of his friends among the temperance workers. The regulars won by a safe plurality.

From that time on the "drys" have been turning steadily away from Judge Mann, until few of them are left, except in the county.

Further than this a number of temperance workers, when questioned on the subject of the attitude of the temperance voters toward Judge Mann, have expressed the belief that an investigation of his temperance record will show that he has failed to lead them to victory when victory was easily in sight, and that his failure to lead aggressively and intelligently has caused the liquor interest to look with favor upon his candidacy, and that, of course, has arrayed many temperance people against him.

The statement has often been made here that the temperance people are supporting Mr. Tucker, and the liquor people are supporting Judge Mann. This is not entirely true in this section. Judge Mann has some few supporters among the temperance people, and Mr. Tucker has several supporters among the liquor men, though the most active and influential liquor dealer in Staunton told The Washington Herald representative that he will support Judge Mann on account of the fact that Judge Mann is the "Democratic organization" candidate; and that he will stand by the "organization," though he does not intend to take any active part in the fight.

A same man was an active supporter of A. J. Montague in the memorable campaign for Senator Martin for the Senatorial toga. He states, however, that

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